

**REGULAR MEETING  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MAY 14, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.  
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Vice-Chairperson Jeremy Weso called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Boivin (late), Randal Chevalier (late), Jeremy Weso, Kathy Kaquatosh, Wayne Waupoose, and Rose Ponfil. MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Kaquatosh (excused). Also present: Brett Hoffman and Linda Peters, recorder

2. Moment of Silence. Jeremy Weso requested a moment of silence.

3. Approval of Committee By Laws

There is not a full Committee present to approve the By Laws and they will be tabled again until the next meeting.

**Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to tabled the By Laws until a full Committee is present. Second was by Rose Ponfil. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent (Boivin, Chevalier and B. Kaquatosh).**

4. Approval of Minutes dated April 9, 2009

There were no corrections needed to the minutes dated April 9, 2009.

**Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to approve the minutes dated April 9, 2009 as presented. Second was by Wayne Waupoose. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 3 absent (Boivin, Chevalier and B. Kaquatosh).**

5. Procurement Policy: Discussion/Recommendations

Brett Hoffman presented the Updated Procurement Policy for approval. The Committee further discussed the changes made to the competitive bid portion, and what the threshold criteria is along with qualifying an emergency check request.

(Laurie Boivin entered the meeting at 4:19 p.m.)  
(Randal Chevalier entered the meeting at 4:21 p.m.)

**Motion made by Randal Chevalier to approve the Procurement Policy revisions as presented. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent (B. Kaquatosh).**

6. Development of a Tribal Health and Safety Ordinance:  
Discussion/Action

The Committee discussed OSHA regulations and there are safety protocols to protect the employee from accidents that happen in private industry. One suggestion was to adopt OSHA requirements with the caveat that a waiver can be requested to the Tribal Legislature for exemption.

Legislator Chevalier stated that when OSHA sets their safety standards, they do not care what the cost is to the operation.

The Committee discussed how much time and effort it would be to undertake this project. There is staff time to research this information and provide a scope of work to the Legal Department to draft up what is necessary.

Jeremy Weso with the assistance from the Legal Department will provide a scope of work along with an estimated cost to the Committee for consideration at next month's meeting.

7. MITW Vehicle Use and Maintenance Policy and Procedures: Discussion/Recommendations

The Committee is looking to combine the MITW Vehicle Use and Maintenance Policy and the Menominee Tribal Police Department Vehicle Use Policy.

Laurie Boivin will request a liability response from Dan Maine-Insurance in regards to additional individuals riding in the squad cars, and a clarification memo from the Legal Department concerning the Tribe's liability.

8. Backgrounding Volunteers Policy: Discussion/Recommendations

There are two laws that govern the Tribe in determining if someone can volunteer to chaperone children. The Federal Law is entitled, "The Indian Child Protection Law", and State Law entitled, "Wisconsin Caregivers Act". The Field Trip Policy needs to be located and reviewed by the Committee so that the membership is updated on what the Tribe has adopted.

9. Monthly Narratives

The Monthly Narratives will remain an agenda item until the By Laws requiring Committee review can be removed.

10. Other Business

The Committee was updated on the Amendment to Ordinance #82-10 which had been recommended by the Committee for Legislative Approval. There were some concerns about judicial relief for tribal members. The Legal Department will review this section before the next Legislature meeting.

11. Adjournment

**Motion made by Randal Chevalier to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent (B. Kaquatosh).**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder  
Chairman's Office